



# Commander, Naval Beach Group TWO (NBG-2)

*To the Beach, and Beyond!*

The Naval Beach Group, or NBG, is a permanently organized Navy command that provides guidance and training for the four subordinate commands and prepares detachments of personnel and equipment for deployment overseas.

The NBG provides the Navy personnel and equipment to support an amphibious operation or exercise. An amphibious exercise is more than some landing craft pulling up to the beach and the U.S. Marines charging ashore. An exercise can include evacuation of American citizens from a hostile territory, delivery of food and medical supplies after a natural disaster, the bulk delivery of fuel or fresh water from a ship anchored off the coast through a pipeline to a shore facility, and nearly any other task that involves moving from ships off-shore to the beach.

The Nassau Strike Group is augmented by the NBG-2 elements: Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 2, ACU-4, and Beachmaster Unit (BMU) 2, all homeported at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va.

ACU-2, the “workhorse of the amphibious fleet,” operates the Landing Craft Units (LCU) and Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAV) to assist operational commanders in support of amphibious and Maritime Pre-Positioning Force (MPF) operations and training.

ACU-4, operate the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) and provide combat ready craft that fully meet operational tasking world wide, on time, every time.

BMU-2 provides Naval Beach Party Teams (BPTs) for deployment in conjunction with Expeditionary Forces in order to provide beach and surf zone salvage and to facilitate the landing and movement over the beach of troops, equipment, supplies, and the evacuation of casualties, prisoners-of-war, and non-combatants.

NBG-2 Detachments, composed of elements of four subordinate commands to include Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 2, regularly embark aboard the ships of amphibious ready groups (ARGs) deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Adriatic Sea, and throughout the Atlantic area from the coasts of Norway to South America to include the Caribbean Sea. Since the Millennium, Naval Beach Group detachments have supported routine exercises and ARG deployments. Most recently, since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Naval Beach Group units have participated in Operation Enduring Freedom.

## NBG-2 Facts

### Command Crests:



### Unit Commanders:

ACU-2 Commander: Cmdr. Eric J. Anderson, USN  
ACU-4 Commander: Capt. Ray L. Clark, Jr., USN  
BMU-2 Commander: Cmdr. William K. Cooke, USN

### Unit Mission:

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### Unit Motto

“Vanguard in Peace, Spearhead in War”

